GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:267
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EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) India`s share in the world market in respect of export of agro-products;

(b) whether this share is still very less in comparison to other Asian countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total value and quantum of agricultural produce exported during each of the last three years upto October, 2003-04;

(e) the net foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and

(f) the steps being taken to promote agro-export and to increase India`s share in world market as well as to make Indian products more competitive in the international market?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.267 FOR 19.12.2 REGARDING `SHARE OF AGRO PRODUCTS IN WORLD EXPORT`

(a) As per WTO statistics for the year 2001, India`s share in the world export of agro products is little more than 1%.

(b)&(c) Comparative figures for major Asian countries for the year 2001 and 2002 are as under.

Country % to world

	2001	2002
Bangladesh	0.08	
China	3.00	3.22
Hong Kong, China	0.90	0.83
India	1.13	+
Indonesia	1.26	1.54
Japan	0.93	0.76
Malaysia	1.29	1.53
Mauritius	0.07	0.08
Pakistan	0.20	0.20
Philippines	0.35	0.33
Singapore	0.59	0.57
Sri Lanka	0.19	0.18
Taipei, Chinese	0.58	0.59
Thailand	2.17	1.98
Korea	0.71	0.68

(Source: World Trade Organisation; website: wto.org)
+ Data not available.

(d) & (e) The earning from agricultural exports (including tea, coffee, cotton and castor oil but excluding marine) during the last three years is as indicated below:

Year	Agri Exports (Rs. In crores)	US$ Mill.
2001-2002	22,246	4,664
2002-2003	24,347	5,032
2003-2004(April-Aug.)(P)	9,331	1,975
2002-2003 (April-Aug.)(P)	9,638	1,968

(P: Provisional) (Source: DGCI&S)

(f) In order to promote agricultural exports, Government provides a variety of incentives in the form of financial and other assistance through its agencies such as Commodity Boards/Authoritiesfor infrastructure development, modern packaging units, quality and quality control, market development and creation of Agriculture Export Zones etc.